

MEMORANDUM

To: All Staff, UN-Habitat Reference:

From: Maimunah Mohd Sharif
Executive Director,
UN-Habitat Date: 19 March 2019

Subject: **Re-activation of UN-Habitat's Office in Geneva**

Handwritten notes: MMS, 22/3/19, @ 5:54pm

Dear colleagues,

I would like to inform you that we are moving forward to re-activate UN-Habitat's office in Geneva with Swiss support, also taking advantage of the offer of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) to create space within the Palais des Nations. This arrangement will take effect on 1 May 2019.

We are re-activating our presence in an incremental way. We will consider our Geneva Office initially as a Programme Office, while the long term profile and composition will be decided as part of the organizational restructuring later this year.

The office set up would be built around the two colleagues currently based in Geneva (Graham Alabaster and Clara Alonso), complemented with one desk for the City Resilience Profiling Programme (CRPP) (to be occupied part time by Esteban Leon).

The Programme Office will support progress towards some key expected results for 2019 as per the table set out below. As our presence will initially be programmatic, Raf Tuts, Director Programme Division, will provide overall oversight for 2019, in close consultation with the External Relations Division.

Thanks for your continued support as we further strengthen our presence in Europe.

<i>Proposed Results 2019</i>	<i>Global Lead</i>	<i>Geneva-based support</i>
Strategic Partnership UNHCR	Filiep Decorte/Shipra Suri Narang	Esteban Leon (RRRB), Graham Alabaster (UBSB), Clara Alonso (UPDB)
Strategic Partnership ISDR	Andre Dzikus	Esteban Leon (RRRB)
Strategic Partnerships IFRC	Andre Dzikus	Esteban Leon (RRRB)
Strategic Partnership IOM	Dyfed Aubrey / Stephanie Loose	Esteban Leon (RRRB), Clara Alonso (UPDB)
Strategic Partnership IDMC	Robert Ndugwa	Esteban Leon (RRRB)
Strategic Partnership WHO	Andre Dzikus	Graham Alabaster (UBSB)
Strategic Partnership OCHA	Filiep Decorte	Esteban Leon (RRRB)
Strategic Partnership UNECE	Paulius Kulikauskas / Asa Johnson	Graham Alabaster (UBSB)
Setting up the Global Alliance for Urban Crisis in Geneva	Filiep Decorte	Esteban Leon (RRRB), Clara Alonso (UPDB)
Representational roles as required	Raf Tuts	Esteban Leon (RRRB), Graham Alabaster (UBSB),

Cc: Raf Tuts, Programme Division
Graham Alabaster, Geneva Office
Clara Alonso, Geneva Office
Filiep Decorte, New York Liaison Office
Shipra Narang Suri, Urban Planning and Design Branch
Andre Dzikus, Urban Basic Services Branch
Esteban Leon, Risk Reduction and Rehabilitation Branch
Paulius Kulikauskas, Liaison Office for Europe
Asa Johnson, Best Practices Unit
Robert Ndugwa, Research and Capacity Development Branch
Dyfed Aubrey, Programme Division Coordination Office
Stephanie Loose, Programme Division Coordination Office